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TOTAL POTATO STOCKS
ON FEBRUARY 1, 1968

February 13, 1968

Storage stocks of potatoes held by growers and local dealers in fall producing areas of the country totaled 144.7 million hundredweight on February 1, 1968, according to the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture. This was a record high for February 1 and was 9 percent more than the 103.0 million hundredweight on hand February 1, 1967. These stocks consist of fall potatoes held for all uses on February 1.

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Stocks in the eight eastern fall States totaled 37.3 million hundredweight on February 1, 1968, the largest since February 1, 1950 and compared with 35.6 million a year earlier. Maine holdings were 26.6 million, slightly less than the 26.7 million hundredweight on hand a year earlier. February 1 stocks on Long Island were record high while stocks in Upstate New York were below last year. Pennsylvania holdings were the largest since February 1, 1956.

Holdings in the eight central fall States, at 20.7 million hundredweight this February 1, were 8 percent above the stocks of 19.2 million a year earlier. In North Dakota and South Dakota, February holdings were smaller than a year ago and Wisconsin stocks equaled a year earlier. In other central States, stock levels were higher than a year earlier.

In the nine western fall States, stocks were 54.7 million, a record large, and 13 percent more than the 48.2 million on February 1 last year. Holdings were larger in all western States with Idaho estimated at 33.5 million hundredweight, 11 percent more than the February 1, 1967 level of 30.2 million.

Disappearance of 1967 fall crop potatoes from storage during January 1968 was 28.3 million hundredweight, 16 percent above the January 1967 disappearance of 24.3 and a new record high disappearance for January. Disappearance of 1967

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fall potatoes from time of harvest to February 1, 1968 was 119.4 million hundredweight and compares with a disappearance of 124.7 million from the 1966 crop during the comparable period. Movement of fall crop potatoes to chippers and fresh market outlets during January, as indicated by rail and truck unloads in 41 cities, was more than a year earlier. Movement to these outlets for the season from time of harvest to February 1 was about the same as a year earlier. The quantity of potatoes processed for other food products (excluding starch and flour) during January was above a year earlier, and season totals to February 1 also were above the comparable 1966-67 period. Movement of fall potatoes to starch factories during January was above a year earlier but for the season to February 1 was below a year earlier level.

Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1, and March 1, total stocks, crops of 1959-67 in the 25 fall States

Year	Production	Total Stocks			
		December 1	January 1 following year	February 1 following year	March 1 following year
	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.
1959	167,435	118,560	98,640	77,500	58,175
1960	175,071	122,740	103,595	82,670	62,645
1961	204,235	145,020	122,215	96,120	72,960
1962 1/ .	194,875	135,745	115,770	91,970	70,250
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535
1965	216,809	147,070	123,460	98,260	74,605
1966 2/ .	227,787	152,640	127,380	103,040	79,517
1967	232,074	164,640	141,025	112,680	

1/ Seasonal groupings effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as fall. In Colorado, all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer and the San Luis Valley as fall.

2/ Revised August 1967 Pot 6(67).

Estimates of Total Resident Population, 48 States, July 1, 1961-68

Area	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
	- Millions -							
Eastern	72.1	73.1	74.3	75.3	76.4	77.0	77.8	---
Central	81.8	82.8	83.6	84.6	85.4	86.4	87.0	---
Western	29.2	30.0	30.8	31.5	32.0	32.5	33.1	---
Total	183.1	185.9	183.7	191.4	193.8	195.9	197.9	1/199.9

1/ Total U. S. resident population for July 1, 1968 based on projections issued by Bureau of the Census.

Source: Current Population Report No. 348, Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

POTATOES: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers and local dealers on February 1, 1967 and February 1, 1968 1/

State	Crop of 1966		Crop of 1967	
	Production	Total stocks Feb. 1, 1967	Production	Total stocks Feb. 1, 1968
	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.	1,000 cwt.
Maine	37,920	26,700	38,160	26,600
New Hampshire	280	100	252	90
Vermont	314	140	288	130
Massachusetts	1,292	320	1,216	340
Rhode Island	1,271	50	1,140	80
Connecticut	1,495	460	1,312	480
New York:				
Long Island	7,574	2,250	7,975	3,200
Upstate	8,580	3,500	8,280	3,000
Pennsylvania	6,318	2,100	9,120	3,400
8 Eastern	65,044	35,620	67,743	37,320
Ohio	2,261	310	2,522	400
Indiana	1,575	200	2,170	205
Michigan	7,380	2,850	7,095	2,900
Wisconsin	8,315	3,800	9,678	3,800
Minnesota	10,800	4,300	11,760	5,400
North Dakota	14,300	6,900	13,452	6,800
South Dakota	783	250	590	190
Nebraska	1,539	600	1,794	980
8 Central	47,453	19,210	49,061	20,675
Montana	1,360	980	1,476	1,180
Idaho	70,190	30,200	63,900	33,500
Wyoming	522	170	578	215
Colorado	8,540	3,900	9,690	4,600
Utah	1,377	615	1,463	650
Nevada	176	45	192	80
Washington	14,060	5,550	15,265	6,600
Oregon	10,385	3,650	13,252	4,160
California	8,680	3,100	9,454	3,700
9 Western	115,290	48,210	115,270	54,685
Total 25 Fall States	227,787	103,040	232,074	112,680

1/ Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date."

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